

## **News Release**

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## Workers at International Truck and Engine Corporation, Truck Development and Technical Center in Fort Wayne eligible for federal aid

INDIANAPOLIS (April 20, 2007) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development today announced a ruling by the U.S. Department of Labor that former employees of International Truck and Engine Corporation, Truck Development and Technical Center in Fort Wayne are eligible to receive services under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance program.

The TAA program, which is administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

The federal ruling was issued on April 4, 2007 and applies to workers who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 22, 2006, through April 4, 2009. Workers at the firm produced engineering drawings.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with the Department of Labor and it must be approved before benefits can be released. A union official filed a petition on February 23, 2007.

In addition, the Department of Labor ruled that former older workers at the firm do not qualify for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA). The ruling indicated that one of the criteria for ATAA certification, that workers possess skills which are not easily transferable, was not met.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of reemployment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Eligible parties may contact the following WorkOne center:

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